Our Lady of the Black Hills

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Father Mark

Fashion Me A People Conference was all about lifting up the vision of what it means to be a "life-long learner" of the Catholic Faith, we happen to call it "Gatherings of Grace" at OLBH. There are other names as well, such as intergenerational faith formation, whole community catechesis and generations of faith. The goal regardless of what we call it is simply to never stop learning, praying, studying, sharing and living our Catholic faith.

One of our speakers shared a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Brown of the Diocese of Orange, CA, entitled *Learning, Loving and Living Your Faith.* Here is a short summary of the Bishop's Brown pastoral letter. I have included the website in which you can down load the pastoral letter in its entirety. It is only 18 pages in length, but it is a good read. The summary highlights the diocese of Orange and the people, however, we could easily substitute the Diocese of Raid City, except for the size. Visit: http://www.rcbo.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241&Itemid=47

Bishop Brown's recently released Pastoral Letter begins by begging the Holy Spirit for the grace to inspire each and every one of us to seek a heartfelt enthusiasm for our Catholic faith. His concern is about the easy-going attitude toward the faith held by many. The problem he identifies is one of indifference. This is evident in the following indicators:

- Enrollment in religious education classes often drops dramatically after First Communion.
- Less than half of the Catholic students who attend our schools come to Mass regularly on the weekend because their parents don't.
- The fervor that leads up to Confirmation often fades and few teens remain involved after the celebration.
- After their wedding, few couples remain connected or involved in a parish.
- Some baptized and received at Easter often lose their enthusiasm, become disconnected and are not around regularly after a year or two.
- Many of our catechists/teachers do not take the time to work on their basic certification in religious formation.

While Catholics are the largest denomination in Orange County, the second largest is "former" Catholics. The faith and commitment of many Catholics has not reached the depth needed to sustain their Catholic faith and keep up its practice over the course of their lives.

Bishop Brown's challenge and invitation is to each and every one of us. He is asking that we make our own commitment to ongoing formation. And it is this commitment by each and every Catholic in the Diocese of Orange to better know, love and live out his or her faith, that will turn this trend around. How far must I go to deepen my knowledge and practice my Catholic faith sufficiently? What is expected of me?

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, January 26
Memorial of St. Timothy and St. Titus, bishops
2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Timothy 1:1-5; Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
(Intention: Masses for Life)
3:00 pm: Blood Drive
6:00 pm: Welcome Dinner
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts
6:30 pm: Gatherings of Grace Core Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 27
St. Angela Merici, virgin
Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalms 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mark 3:31-35 (green/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
(Intention: Teachers and Staff Retreat Winnebago, NE)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
7:00 pm: Returning Catholics

Wednesday, January 28
Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church
Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 4:1-20 (white)
8:00 am Daily Liturgy
(Intention: Healing for those who have been effected by sexual abuse)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation

Thursday, January 29
Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mark 4:21-25 (green)
No Daily Liturgy

Friday, January 30
Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34 (green)
No Daily Liturgy

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95

Saturday Morning, January 31
Memorial of St. John Bosco, priest
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mark 4:35-41 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For those struggling with Cancer)
8:30 am: Men's Group
9:00 am - Noon: Food Pantry

Saturday Evening, January 31
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (green)
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the OLBH Community)

Sunday, February 1
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (green)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For all Souls in Purgatory)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Vocations: Single Life, Married, Priesthood and Consecrated Life)
7:00 pm: LifeTeen/Edge
7:30 pm: Taize

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns: Kent Antonsen, Joe Creek, Alice Donley, Barbara Hatch, Marvin Kari, Morris Kosters, Betty Kirker, Michelle McCarrick, Ali Nowatny, Dorothy & Don Norman, George Senn, and Don Snyder
Repose: Amy Munoz

Collection Report
January 18, 2009

Loose	$ 1374.97
Envelopes	1830.00
Votive	9.00
Student	93.94
Adopt a Seminarian	20.00
Other	498.85
Total	**$ 3826.76**

Mass Ministry Schedule

1/31-2/1	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 9:00 am	Sun. 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Lori Kline		
Altar Servers	B. Ehresmann E. Ehresmann H. Ehresmann	Whitney Werdel C. Weaver Mary Pulaski	G. Czmowski K. Chamberlain Aric Dyczek
Precious Body	John Osnes	John Osnes	John Osnes
Precious Blood	Jim Scherr Barb Scherr Jan Schurman Katie Strand	Sharon Long Brenda Jacobs Barb Erickson Gary Erickson	T. Thompson Joni Osnes Cathy Wang John Wang
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Jean Schubauer Donna Boner	Nikki Dyczek Tamara Dyczek
Sacristans	Erik & Estela Haakedahl	Kathy & Ken VanAsma	The Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Diane Norman Joe Norman	Marc Jacobs D. Schubauer	Robert Dyczek Betsy VanAsma
Choir			

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you; (Jonah 3:3)
- Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, (Psalm 25:4)
- For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Corinthians 7:31b)
- Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)
- Then he called them. (Mark 1:19b)

Reflection

- How is God present in you?
- How is your world changing?
- What more can you do to change the world?
- How is God calling you?

Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final, way.

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.

It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything. [1]

[1] Arrupe S.J., Pedro, *Company*, Jesuits of the Chicago Province, Winter 2006, p. 7.

Saint John Bosco was an Italian Catholic priest, and recognized educator, who put into practice the dogma of his religion, employing teaching methods based on love rather than punishment. He placed his works under the protection of Francis de Sales; thus his followers styled themselves the Salesian Society. He is the only Saint with the title *"Father and Teacher of Youth."*

Don Bosco believed education to be a "matter of the heart," and said that the boys must not only be loved, but know that they are loved. He also pointed to three components of the Preventive System: reason, religion, and kindness. Music and games also went into the mix. The Memorial for St. John Bosco is January 31.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Bosco

OLBH Parish News

Women's Group

The women's group will be meeting at Java Connection for lunch on Thursday, February 19th at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Patty Cariveau at 718-5882. If you have questions, please also call Patty.

Changes for Adoration and Reconciliation

Beginning in January Adoration will be held on Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, except on the second Wednesday of every month in which we have Gatherings of Grace. There will also be a chance for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time as well. I know Saturday afternoon does not always work out for everyone, so here is another opportunity for the Sacrament. With this change there will no longer be Adoration on Sunday evenings or Saturday mornings. I am not sure how this schedule will work out, but we will give it some time and revisited later this Spring.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an annual event which brings people together with a common goal of finding a cure for cancer. All of us are touched by cancer and some time or several times in our lives. Conquering this disease is important to all of us and the Black Hawk Cancer Fighters Relay for Life Team is no exception. To kick off our 2009 Relay fundraising drive, we are hosting our annual Soup and Dessert event on January 31, 2009 from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm to be held at the Black Hawk Fire Department at 6010 Peaceful Pines Rd, Black Hawk, SD. We offer a wide variety (last year we had 9 different kinds!) of homemade soups for your sampling or wholehearted eating pleasure with an equal variety of desserts to follow including homemade ice cream and beverages to round out the menu. All this is offered for your free will donation which will benefit the American Cancer Society. Please stop by for a quick (or leisurely!) lunch or dinner as you go about your day or on your way to or from the Stock Show!

Returning Catholics - It's Still Not too Late

This Tuesday was the 2nd session of the Returning Catholics Ministry. We will meet every Tuesday from 7pm - 8:30pm until February 17th. It is not too late to attend! Please feel free to join us in a small informal setting for nonpracticing Catholics. If you are shy and do not want to come alone, you are more than welcome to invite a friend. The third session will be on the Catholic Church today. This will be very informative for those who have been gone a while. You don't want to miss it!! All are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greg Sass at 348-2213 or Our Lady of the Black Hills at 787-5168. Hope to see you there. Child care is also available.

OLBH High Tea

The 2009 high tea has been scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Would you like to host a table? If you are interested, please sign up in the gathering area and we will contact you with more information. Set up will be Friday, April 17 from noon – 9:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Judy at 484-3375.

Art Contest

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring an art contest for the High Tea. Everyone is invited to submit art work suitable for printing on the High Tea invitations. The art work should be submitted on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper. Entries are to be sent to the church office by March 20, 2009.

Diocesan News

2009 Ash Wednesday Appeal

For over 35 years, Catholic Social Services has offered understanding and supportive services to men and women facing the choice of parenting or adoption and those seeking their birth parents. The annual collection taken on Ash Wednesday, February 25, allows us to continue these and other valuable services to people of all faiths in western South Dakota, regardless of financial means. Please prayerfully consider your gift that helps so many.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on January 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City.

Heal Your Grief

The Bereavement Support Group, is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26th, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or Jill at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541.

A Lifetime of Love!

They say the greatest gift one gives does not have to be bought from the store … it just needs to come from the heart. Why not give your love to your spouse this holiday season. Why not give the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is February 13-15, 2009 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center near Irene, SD. For more information or to register, call John or Dawn Elsinger at 605-362-0924 or visit www.WWME.org. Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery … A Lifetime of Love!

Rachel's Corner

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." - *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 19.* Step out in faith and plan to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ in the Bismarck, ND area February 27-March 1, 2009. Healing and hope await you. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Men, mark your calendars!

Annual Diocesan Men's Retreat, *"WALK WITH JESUS"*, March 20-22, 2009 at Storm Mountain Center, Rapid City! Did you ever think how awesome it would have been to walk with Jesus while he was on earth? Join Msgr. William O'Connell for this year's retreat where retreatants will reflect on some who did walk with Jesus and what they have to teach us as we walk with him today. Pre-registration required! *Deadline: Friday, March 13th!* Registration fee: $100. Need-based scholarships available. For more information, contact Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541.

Married Sweethearts

The 2009 Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance, *"SNOW IN LOVE!"* will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Mass is at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont; the dinner-dance will follow at Stagestop Receptions, Piedmont. Registration fee: $50/couple. Registration required. Registration deadline is January 30th! *NO late registrations will be accepted after January 30!* For more information, please call Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541 or e-mail at kcordes@diorc.org

March for Meals Campaign

On Sunday, February 15, 2009, the Western South Dakota Senior Services Meals Program (Meals on Wheels) will be kicking off the annual March for Meals campaign with an All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction.

Tickets for the pancake breakfast are $6.00 each and can be purchased in advance at 303 N. Maple (corner of New York St and North Maple) or at the breakfast. The event is from 9 am to 1 pm at the VFW Hall located at 420 Main St. in Rapid City--394-6002.

The Meals Program is a private, non-profit organization under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, which serves hot nutritious meals in a group dining setting to 575 seniors on a daily basis and offers delivery service to 230 seniors who are unable to leave their homes. Our service area includes 16 communities throughout western South Dakota. We offer these meals on a donation basis to anyone at least 60 years of age, regardless of their ability to donate toward the cost of their meal.

The mission of the Meals Program is to assist seniors in maintaining independence through good nutrition, deferring admission to long term care facilities. Assisted living and nursing home costs range from $4,500 to $5,000 per month. Our cost for 30 days of meal provision totals $200.00. Our program currently promotes health maintenance and disease prevention by serving all seniors. Presently, we service over 1600 seniors per year. These seniors depend upon us to provide them with one quality, nutritious meal five days per week.

If I can be of further assistance, please call 394-6002 and we will be able to assist you.

From the Pro-Life Commission

"Parish liturgical celebrations and catechetical programs should be accessible to persons with disabilities and open to their full, active and conscious participation, according to their capacity."

Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Framework of Access and Inclusion, A Statement of the USCCB, 1998. www.usccb.org (use search option) (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission)